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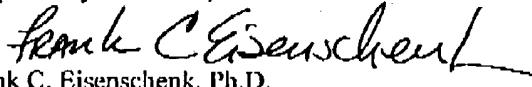
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Sir:

The undersigned has recently been informed that this application has recently become eligible to claim Small Entity Status by virtue of the termination of a license agreement between the University of Tennessee Research Foundation (a small entity and licensor of this application) and its large entity licensee. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, the undersigned now claims such status (Small Entity Status) for this application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all future fees in this matter be charged as small entity fees.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,


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